

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-32 and added new claims 33-47, all without prejudice to their future prosecution. The cancellation of claims 1-32 makes no admission regarding the patentability of this subject matter and should not be so construed.

Support for new claims 33 and 36-38 may be found, for example, in original claims 6, 8-9, and at page 10 of the specification, at lines 10-13.

Support for new claims 34-35 may be found in FIG. 5.

Support for new claim 39 may be found at page 13 of the specification, at lines 13-16.

Support for new claims 40-45 may be found at pages 13-16 of the specification.

Support for new claim 46 may be found at page 16, lines 8-11.

Support for new claim 47 may be found at page 14, line 21; at page 15, lines 12-17; and at page 16, lines 8-11.

Accordingly, no new matter was added by way of these amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Marked Up Paragraph from Page 1, Lines 4-7

[This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial no. 09/148,623, which is based on provisional patent application no. 60/057,632, both of which are relied on and incorporated herein by reference.]

This application is a continuation of Application No. 10/300,015, filed on November 20, 2002; which is a continuation of Application No. 09/987,812, filed on November 16, 2001; which is a continuation of Application No. 09/348,015, filed on July 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,342,507; which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/148,623, filed on September 4, 1998, now abandoned; which claims benefit of Application No. 60/057,632, filed on September 5, 1997. The disclosure of each of the above applications is incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.